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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Feb-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 02/01/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/25/03
BRO-FRY	151,807	147,964
LT HENS	1,724	1,899
HVY HENS	1,480	1,338

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
DATA IS FOR WEEKS OF 1/25(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	416	0	416
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	350	8	358
SAME WEEK YR AGO	437	0	437
TO-DATE/2003	1,360	19	1,379
TO-DATE/2002	1,331	8	1,339

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,162	1,292	3,454
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK 1/11/03	2,191	1,513	3,704
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,221	1,232	3,453
TO-DATE/2003	7,862	5,356	13,218
TO-DATE/2002	8,406	5,087	13,493

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 25-Jan-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	144,124	1,746	1,292	3,038
AVG WT	5.17	3.41	7.89	5.32
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	153,150	1,841	1,505	3,346
SAME WK YR AGO	156,221	1,784	1,232	3,016
AVG WT	5.16	3.58	7.80	5.30
TO-DATE/2003	576,608	6,502	5,337	11,839
TO-DATE/2002	592,644	7,075	5,079	12,154

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 145.9 million head or 7 million head less than or 95 of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING January 18, 2003**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	24,410	21,325	42,892
Avg Weight	3.66	4.76	6.17
% of total /1	28%	24%	48%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	12,009	15,024	25,186
Avg Weight	3.69	4.79	6.35
% of total /1	23%	29%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	36,413	25,982	47,517
Avg Weight	3.81	4.74	6.26
% of total /1	33%	24%	43%
To date/2003	55,661	54,379	106,732
To date/2002	88,226	63,233	134,039

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 25-Jan-03
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,512	2,504	55	10	4,081
AVG WT	15.44	37.60	25.00	30.73	29.20
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,717	2,681	69	9	4,476
SAME WK YR AGO	1,594	2,600	57	4	4,255
AVG WT	16.19	37.78	24.34	35.71	29.71
TO-DATE/2003	6,268	9,781	218	47	16,314
TO-DATE/2002	6,356	9,862	156	16	16,390

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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